Allocation for Rural Development

875. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that percentage of allocation for rural development in the earlier 5 year plans was meagre compared to urban development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the step taken/proposed to be taken to enhance percentage of allocation for rural development in near future thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The allocation for rural development has been higher than the allocation for urban development in the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plants. The table below summarises the Central Plan allocations and percentage of gross budgetary support for rural and urban development in the plan periods mentioned above.

S.No.	Plan Period	Rural Development		Urban Development	
		Allocation	Percentage	Allocation	Percentage
1.	Seventh Plan	4901.59	5.13	457.88*	0.48
2.	Eighth Plan	30000.00	28.92	1473.00	1.42
3.	Ninth Plan	42278.00	20.73	4931.22	2.42

*This figure includes housing also.

SOURCE: AS indicated ' The Five Year Plan Documents at respective base year prices.

(c) Does not arise.

Establishment of Industries in Meghalaya

876. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and programmes formulated by Government for establishment of various industries in Meghalaya during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise; and

(c) whether the above schemes are under implementation in the State, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) While the development of industries and formulation of schemes and programmes and their implementation thereof is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State, the Central Government has also taken up a number of schemes to supplement the efforts of the States including Meghalaya in this regard. These schemes include Growth Centres Scheme, Transport Subsidy Scheme and Integrated Infrastructure Development Centres Scheme. Besides, a New Industrial Policy was announced by the Central Government in December, 1997 for speedy development of industries in the North-East States including Meghalaya.